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PATENT

Docket No. GC530-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Becker et al.) Group Art Unit: 1615
Serial No.: 09/285,632) Examiner: Susan Tran
Filed: April 2, 1999)
For: Modified Starch Coating)

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the first Office Action dated December 5, 2001, finally rejecting the pending claims, please amend the claims as indicated below and consider the following remarks. This response is considered timely and is being filed within two months of the date of final rejection.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 22 and 57 with a clean copy of said amended claims.

A marked-up version is appended hereto.

22. (amended) A coating comprising,
- (i) a modified starch wherein the modification includes ethylation, acetylation, methylation, hydroxypropyl substitution, hydroxyethyl substitution, carboxymethyl substitution or hydroxypropyl methyl substitution;
 - (ii) a plasticizer; and

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